GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7249
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UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENTS IN PORT BLAIR
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of families living in unauthorized settlements in Port Blair who had not yet been given electric connections as discussed during the meeting of Advisory Committee held on 05.03.2001;

(b) the period since when these settlements had come up;

(c) whether the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has taken any action to examine these problems in details; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There are at present 1937 such families living in unauthorized settlements in Port Blair.

(b): All these settlements have come up during post-1978 period.

(c) & (d): The problem of unauthorized settlements in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as a whole was examined by a sub-group constituted by the Government for the purpose or recommending measures that need to be taken to check influx of population in the Island Territory. The sub-group has, inter alia, recommended that
(i) quick and firm action should be taken for removal of all post-1978 encroachments;
(ii) encroachments on public land and unauthorized construction should be made congnizable offence; and
(iii) a summary procedure should be introduced for eviction/demolition of unauthorized encroachers/encroachments.